

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-6, 12-17, 19-21, 28-30, 45-48 and 50-64 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-3, 5-6, 12-17, 19-21, 28-30, 45-48 and 50-64 stand rejected.

Claims 1, 12, 15, 28, 45, 48, and 50 have been amended. Support for these amendments can be found at least on page 13 of the specification.

Claims 52, 54, 56, and 58 have been canceled.

After amendments and cancelations have been entered, claims 1-3, 5-6, 12-17, 19-21, 28-30, 45-48, 50-51, 53, 55, 57, and 59-64 will be pending.

Examiner Interview

Applicants express appreciation for the Examiner's participation in the telephonic interview of March 13, 2009, and for the Examiner's acknowledgment that the current amendments place the claims in condition for allowance.

Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 45-47, 50, 59-60 and 63-64 stood rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101. *See* Final Office Action (December 15, 2008). However, the Advisory Action dated March 2, 2009 has indicated that this rejection has been withdrawn in light of previously made and entered amendments. *See* Advisory Action, p. 1.

Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103

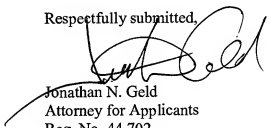
Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 12-17, 19-21, 28-30, 45-58 and 50-64 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as purportedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,804,657 issued to Sultan ("Sultan") in view of Official Notice, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,078,893 issued to Ouimet et al. ("Ouimet"). *See* Office Action, p. 5. Applicants submit that this rejection is moot given the Examiner's indication of the allowability of the amended claims.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the application and the claims therein are believed to be in condition for allowance without any further examination and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 512-439-5090.

If any extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) are required in order for this submission to be considered timely, Applicant hereby petitions for such extensions. Applicant also hereby authorizes that any fees due for such extensions or any other fee associated with this submission, as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17, be charged to deposit account 502306.

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